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SUBJECT: DUTCH INQUIRY CONCERNING REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE
INFORMATION CENTERS

REF : A) THE HAGUE 1156 B) THE HAGUE 1290

1. ACCORDING TO FTC, PROJECT IN REF A HAS NOT BEEN
ABANDONED, AND REMAINS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. IMPLI-
MENTATION IS UNCERTAIN DUE TO PRESENT BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS.

2. PLAN AS PRESENTLY ENVISAGED BY FTC WOULD SURVEY RETAIL
FOOD PRICES BY CHAIN AND CITY AND ARRIVE AT A COST COM-
PARISON OF A QUOTE MARKET BASKET UNQUOTE BY CHAIN WITHIN
EACH CITY. SINCE ITEMS PER STORE MAY RUN SEVEN TO TEN
THOUSAND, WHICH MUST THEN BE WEIGHTED BY CONSUMPTION
PATTERNS, STATISTICAL PROBLEMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
ARE SIGNIFICANT. MOST OF THE STATISTICAL DIFFICULTIES
HAVE BEEN SOLVED, AND FTC IS NOW REFINING PROPOSAL.

3. ASIDE FROM GENERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS, DETAILED INFOR-
MATION ON THE PROJECT REMAINS INTERNAL. FTC WILL PROVIDE
THIS, HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY AND GON STILL FEEL IT WOULD BE
USEFUL. IN VIEW OF REF B, FURTHER ACTION WILL AWAIT
EMBASSY RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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